

**REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully considered the Office Action dated October 10, 2003 and the references cited therein.


In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15-20, 22, 23 and 25 are allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges this indication of allowable subject matter.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 3,907,236 and 5,406,294.

In order to permit the application to proceed to allowance, Applicant has cancelled Claim 24 without prejudice.

As a result of this Amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the application with Claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15-20, 22, 23 and 25 proceed toward allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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